



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Masao KONISHI

Group Art Unit: 1722

Application No.: 10/078,257

ATTN - BOX MISSING PARTS

Filed: February 20, 2002

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING SHORT FIBERS

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: May 29, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated April 3, 2002

(copy attached), the following are enclosed:

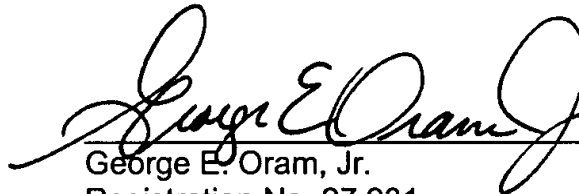
- ☒ \$130 as payment of the surcharge for the Notice to File Missing Parts;
- ☒ \$740 as payment for the filing fee;
- ☒ Originally-executed Declaration/Power of Attorney;
- ☐ Originally-executed Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status;
- ☐ Verified Translation of the Application [with a Preliminary Amendment]; and
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449, _____ refs. [and a search report];
- ☒ A Claim for Priority with a certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2001 -292115 filed September 25, 2001;

- ☐ Originally executed Assignment with Form PTO-1595; and
- ☐ \$40.00 as payment for the recordation of the Assignment.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge that all of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §111 have been met.

Please find attached a check in the amount of \$870 to cover the fees described above. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,



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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 870.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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